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Art Unit: 2762

Serial No.: 09/100,595

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.
§ 1.56, the references listed on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are brought to the attention of the
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It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending U.S. Patent
Applications, all filed in the name of Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.:

	<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>
WS	08/821,935	March 21, 1997	INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH NEGOTIATION CAPABILITY AND METHOD OF NEGOTIATION THEREWITH
WS	08/822,119	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT AND CLIENT COMPUTER PROCESS USING DISGUISED MESSAGES
WS	08,826,107	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING MULTIPLE INTELLIGENT AGENTS HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE

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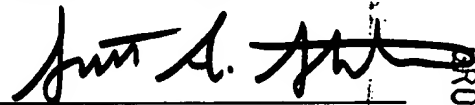
Each of the references was cited in the parent for the above-identified application, U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993, filed on March 21, 1997 by Joseph Phillip Bigus et al. and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE". Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided.

No representation is made that any of the references are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Moreover, any explanations herein are not to be taken as a representation that the references have been thoroughly reviewed. In particular, no representation as to the relative relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

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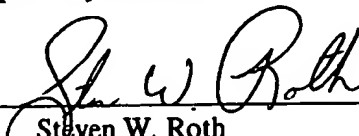
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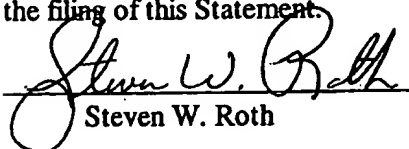
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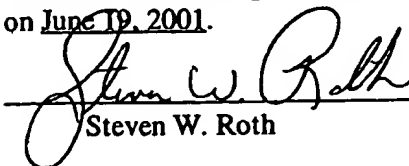
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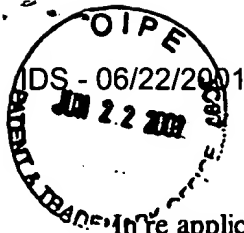
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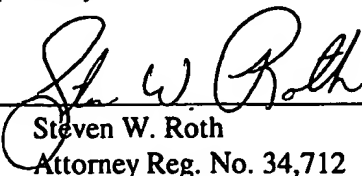
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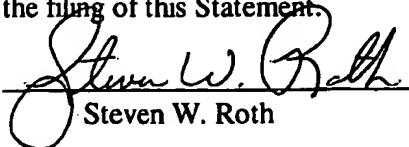
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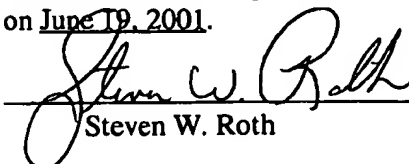
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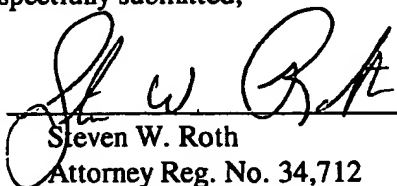
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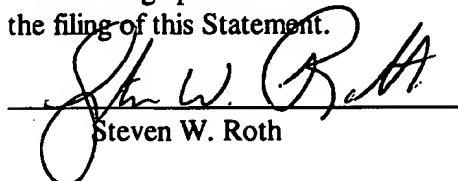
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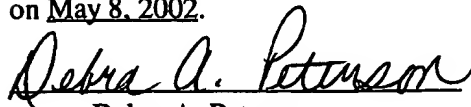

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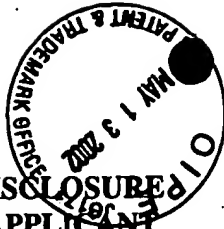

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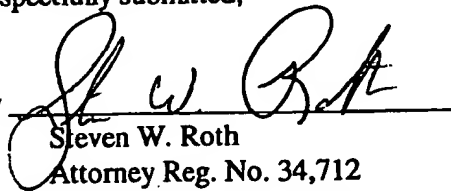
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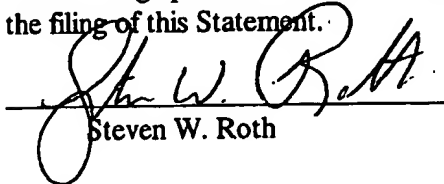
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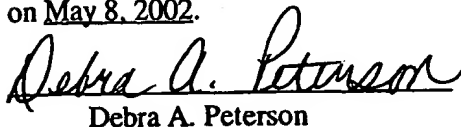

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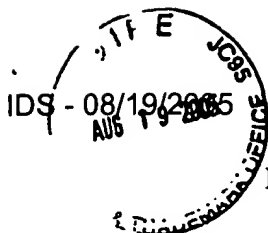
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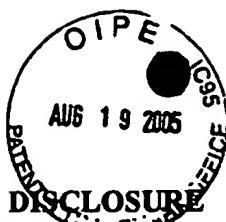
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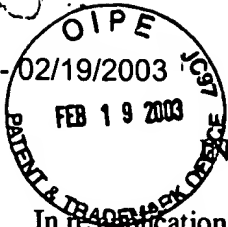
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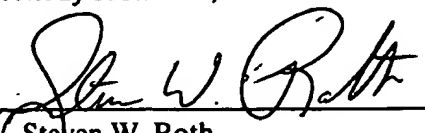
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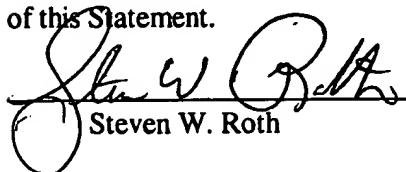
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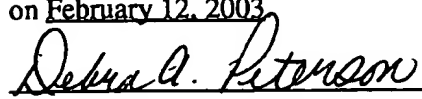

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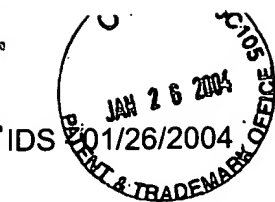
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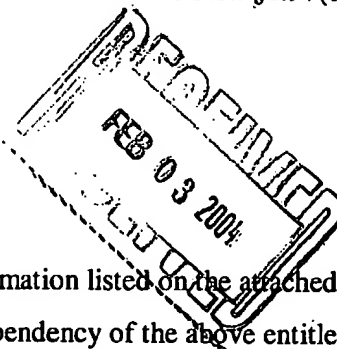
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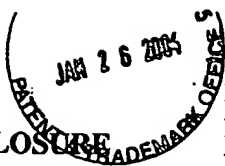
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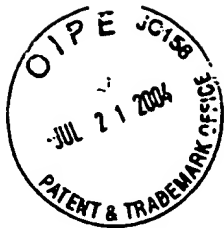
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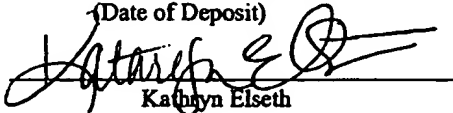
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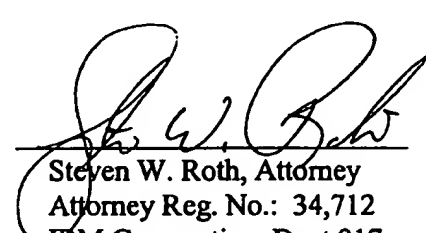
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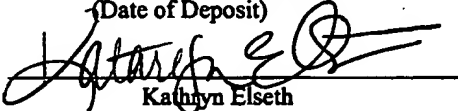
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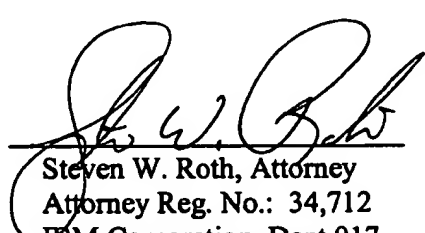
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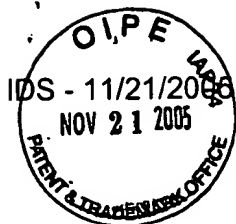
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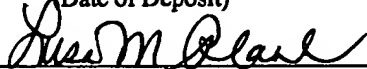
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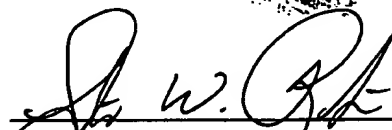
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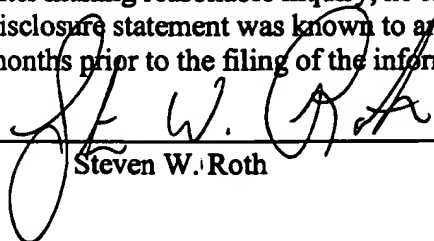
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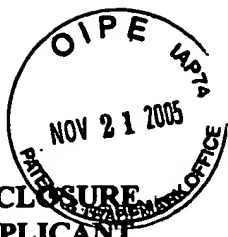
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Examiner: W. Starks : 3605 Highway 52 North
For: OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF : Rochester, MN 55901
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT AND PETITION REQUESTING
CONSIDERATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.97(d)

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Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patent and Trademark that the information listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/08A be considered by the Office during the pendency of the above entitled application, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement and Petition Requesting Consideration shall not constitute an admission that any information cited therein is, or is considered to be, material to patentability as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b). In the interest of full and complete disclosure to the Office, some or all of the art cited herein may not be considered by Applicant(s) or the Undersigned to be material under the new standard of materiality defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b), enacted March 16, 1992, but may be material under the old standard of materiality defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(a), last amended on November 28, 1988, or may merely be technical background which may be of interest to the

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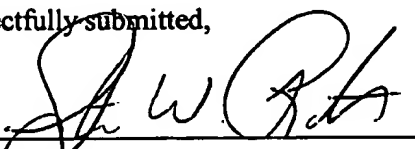
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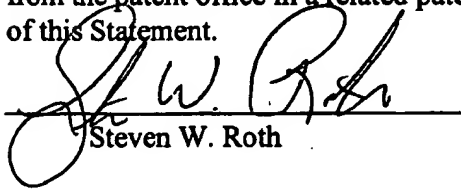
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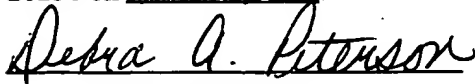
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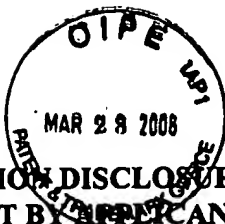
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In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure under the provisions of 37 C.F.R.
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It is also brought to the attention of the Examiner the following co-pending U.S. Patent
Applications, all filed in the name of Joseph Phillip Bigus et al.:

<u>Serial No.</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Docket No.</u>
08/821,935	March 21, 1997	INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH NEGOTIATION CAPABILITY AND METHOD OF NEGOTIATION THEREWITH	IBM/02
08/822,119	March 21, 1997	APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR COMMUNICATING BETWEEN AN INTELLIGENT AGENT AND CLIENT COMPUTER PROCESS USING DISGUISED MESSAGES	IBM/03
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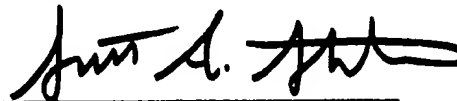
Each of the references was cited in the parent for the above-identified application, U.S. Serial No. 08/822,993, filed on March 21, 1997 by Joseph Phillip Bigus et al. and entitled "APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR OPTIMIZING THE PERFORMANCE OF COMPUTER TASKS USING INTELLIGENT AGENT WITH MULTIPLE PROGRAM MODULES HAVING VARIED DEGREES OF DOMAIN KNOWLEDGE". Accordingly, no copies of the references are provided.

No representation is made that any of the references are "prior art" within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. § 102 or § 103. Moreover, any explanations herein are not to be taken as a representation that the references have been thoroughly reviewed. In particular, no representation as to the relative relevance of any portion of a reference is intended.

Consideration of the references and the remarks presented herein in the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

If there are any questions regarding this paper, or which might otherwise further this case onto allowance, please contact the undersigned at (513)241-2324. Moreover, if any other charges or credits are necessary to complete this communication, please apply them to Deposit Account 23-3000.

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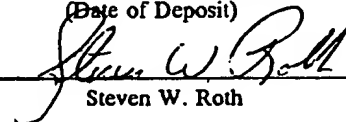
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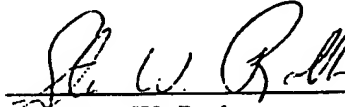
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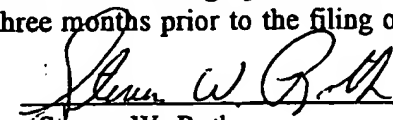
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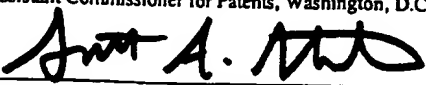
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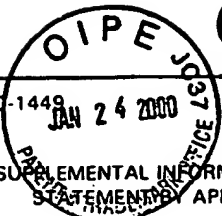
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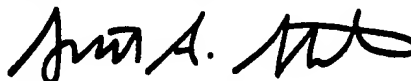
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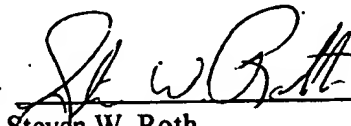
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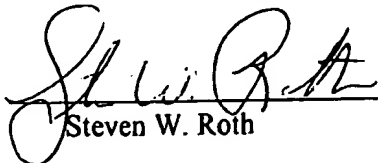
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